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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

Hamada et al.



Serial No.: 10/697,009 Group Art Unit: 3721

Filed: October 31, 2003 Examiner: Chukwurah, Nathaniel C.

For: BOX NAILING MACHINE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	23 -	20	= 3	x \$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Indep. Claims	4 -	3	= 1	x \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$350.00</b>

A check in the amount of \$350.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 4-23 are added. Claims 1, 4, 11, and 15 are independent.

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